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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2088

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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN AID TO UPPER VOLTA

REF: A) NIAMEY 2852 B) OUAGADOUGOU 1150

1. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT SOME INFORMATION ON TWO  
OF PROJECTS MENTIONED REF B: THE OUAGA-TAMBAO RAILROAD AND  
THE FADA-NIAMEY ROAD.

2. DIRECTOR OF TAMBAO PROJECT HAS TOLD US THAT HE HAS  
SENT TO AL-RACHACH IN NIAMEY A SUMMARY IN ENGLISH OF PROJECT  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUAGA-TAMBAO RAILROAD. HE ALSO  
INVITED AL-RACHACH TO ATTEND THE MAY 1976 MEETING OF THE  
FOREIGN DONORS TO THIS PROJECT. HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM  
AL-RACHACH SINCE THEN EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH MINISTER OF  
PLAN KALMOGO. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN TOLD THAT SAG HAD  
GIVEN ITS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS PROJECT AND URGED THAT  
THIS DECISION BE CONVEYED IN WRITING WITH REQUEST FOR WHATEVER  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE NEEDED BY SAG. HE CAUTIONED  
THAT COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION ON PROJECT IS IN FRENCH AND  
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THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOUV TO PROVIDE IT IN

ENGLISH.

3. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION RECENTLY, MINISTER OF PLAN KALMOGO TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT SAG WOULD FINANCE HALF OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION FADA-NIAMEY ROAD. HE COMPLAINED THAT SAG AID WOULD BE IN FORM OF CONCESSIONARY LOAN, BUT ADDED THAT MAIN PROBLEM WAS THAT GOUV AND GON COULD NOT FIND ADDITIONAL DONORS TO FINANCE OTHER HALF OF PROJECT. HE SAID FED HAD INFORMED HIM THAT IT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE.

4. WITH REGARD TO FADA-NIAMEY ROAD, EMBASSY WONDERS WHAT TYPE OF PROJECT PROPOSAL AL-RACHAH NEEDS. WE ASSUME HE HAS COPY OF USAID-FINANCED FEASIBILITY STUDY.

5. MINISTER OF PLAN KALMOGO IS PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN. WE INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OTHER PROJECTS MENTIONED IN REF B AS SOON AS HE RETURNS.

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